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Re Application of: Fleenor et al.

Assignee: Corning Cable Systems LLC

Serial No.: 09/998,465

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Title: Fiber Optic Component Marking with Fiber Optic Indicia

Art Unit: 2874

Examiner: Wood, K.S.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the

Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final Action or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement includes a certification as specified by Section 1.97(e).

Certain of the documents listed in this Information Disclosure Statement were cited in a communication from the International Search Authority (ISA) of the European Patent Office in a counterpart International patent application filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication. The remaining documents are United States Patents to Wach et al. that issued from parent applications of the Holter et al. patent cited by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed July 9, 2003.



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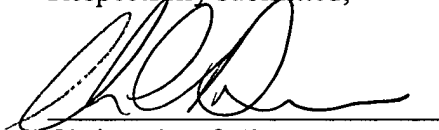
Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form PTO 1449.

An English language version of the search report from the ISA in the corresponding PCT patent application citing certain of these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

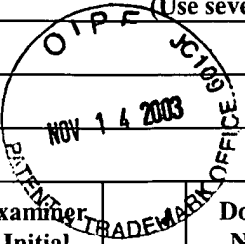
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Respectfully submitted,

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